FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

Wall Street in a Questioning Condition.

Is Congress in Earnest About This Customs Business?

Stocks Dull and Steady and the General Markets Quiet.

WALL STREET, SATURDAY, May 18-6 P. M.

GOLD OFF. Suspension of the speculative purposes and a waiting disposition among outsiders are the fea-tures of this market. The bank statement is favorable, and shows a net gain of \$1,323,825 in the legal reserve. The banks now hold \$7,389,100 above the 25 per cent required by law. The following table shows the changes in the New York city banks this week as compared with last :-

| May. 11. May. 18. Differences. | Loans. \$285,002,000 \$285,713,600 Inc. \$711,600 | Specie. 20,005,100 | 20,300,800 Inc. 304,700 | Circulation. 27,714,200 | 27,638,400 Dec. 75,800 | Deposits. 217,267,500 | 219,267,600 Inc. 2,000,100 | Legal Tend's. 47,305,600 | 48,806,900 Inc. 1,500,300 | Gold closed up at 113½. The general feeling in regard to the specie movement is that the shipments are increasing.

The following are the reports of specie exported from the district of New York for the week end-

ing May 18, 1872:—	
May 14-Steamer Hansa, Southampton-	
Silver bullion	\$28,200
Mexican gold coin	
Mexican silver coin	46,922
American gold coin	
May 15-Steamer Java, Liverpool-Ameri-	
can gold coin	600,000
Silver bars	249,364
Silver bars	Section 1
American gold	1.500
May 16-Steamer Ocean Queen, Panama-	
American silver	2,500
May 16-Steamer Hammonia, London-	
American gold coin	675,000
May 16-Steamer Crescent City, Havana-	Talanta Mala
Spanish doubloons	51,000
May 16-Steamer Crescent City, Nassau-	
American silver May 17—Brig Gustavo, Porto Plata—Amer-	2,200
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May 18—Steamer Deutschland, Southamp-	2,257
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May 18—Steamer Deutschland, Bremen—	75,000
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American gold	300,000
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American gold	
May 18-Steamer Parthia, Bremen-Amer-	300,000
ican gold	
Silver bars	
Martin Millermann Committee Committe	111,401
Total.	\$3.268.085

The custom receipts for the week ending May 11 amount to \$3,250,000. The following are the Treasury balances at the close of business to-day :-- Currency, \$12,000,000; coin, \$100,500,000, of which

\$25,500,000 are coin certificates.

Senator Stevenson has moved an amendment to the Army Appropriation bill that no money appropriated by the act shall be paid to any railroads in arrears to the government for payment of interest on their bonds.

THE SPECIE MOVEMENT. Total specie shipments for the week :-

Americ	can i	gold.				\$3	2,692	500	00
Ameri	can s	silver					206	563	20
Mexic	an ge	old					62	405	00
Mexic	an si	lver.					46.	972	00
Bilver	bare		****				249	,364	34
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PRICES OF GOVERNMENTS.

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PRICES OF SOUTHERN SECURITIES.

Tennessee ex coupon, 71% a 72; do. new, 71% a 72; Virginia ex coupon, 48 a 51; do. registered 56% a 57; do. sixes, deferred scrip, 17% a 18; Georgia sixes, 75 a 80; do. sevens, 89 a 91; North Carolina ex coupon, 34 a 36; do. funding, 1866, 24% a 26; do. do., 1868, 21 a 23; do. new, 20 a 21; do. 965; do. Hannibal and St. Joseph, 9334 a 94; Louisiana sixes, 59 a 65; do. new, 55 a 69; do. levec sixes, 65 a 70; do. do. eights, 78 a 82; do. do. eights, 1875, 80 a 87; do. Penitentiary sevens, 60 a 70: do. Railroad eights, 70 a 80: Alabama fives, 62 a 65; do. eights, 87 a 92; do. eights, Montgomery and Enfaula Railroad, 85 a 90; South Carolina sixes, 47 a 53; do, new, January and July, 33% a 35; do, do, April and October, 30 a 32; Arkansas sixes, funded, 56 a 60: Mobile and Ohio Railroad, sterling, 91 a 92: d Interest eights, 85 a 87; do. second mortgage eights. 78 a 82; Mississippi Central Railroad first mortgage sevens, 83 a 86; do. do. second do. eights, 80 a 81; New Orleans and Jackson first, 91 a 93; do. do. sec ond, 78 a 82; Memphis and Charleston first, 85 a 87; do. do. second, 80 a 83; Greenville and Columbia Railroad, guaranteed by South Carolina, 45 a 50; Macon and Brunswick, guranteed by Georgia, 67 a 72; Wilmington, Charlotte and Rutherford eights, 44 a 46: Memphis city sixes, 55 a 57: Savannah city sevens, 84 a 86; New Orleans consols, old, 72 a 76; issued railroad sixes, 73 a 76; do. sevens,

A Washington telegram says that the Senate Committee on Foreign Affairs have just agreed to report in favor of the supplemental clause to the asnington Treaty. This action was unexpected; but the main point, whether the Senate will by a two-third vote agree to it, is still a matter of doubt,

although less doubtful than yesterday. The following were the highest and lowest price

Highest.	Lowest.
N. Y. Central & Hudson Con 98	9736
N. Y. Central & Hudson Cert 92%	9232
Harlem 126%	326
Erie	6934
Lake Shore. 95% Northwestern 76%	94%
Rock Island	70%
Milwaukee and St. Paul. 60	111%
Ohio and Mississippi 4834	5934
Soston, Hartford and Erie 11%	1036
Pnion Pacific 39%	38%
NL, Chicago and Ind. Central. 30%	3776
Panama	120
Western Union Telegraph 75%	7534
Pacific Mail 84	83
Quicksilver 41	4030
Quicksilver preferred 50%	50%
Wells, Fargo & Co. Express 8914	88%
American Merchant's Union Ex. 75%	7514
United States Express 81%	79

THE SPECIE MOVEMENT. The Assistant Treasurer paid out \$293,000 gold today on account of five-twentles redeemed, raising the grand total to \$49,520,000; and \$480,000 on ac count of interest on the public debt.

BALES AT THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

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THE MERCANTILE LIBRARY.

Annual Meeting of Members-Reports the Officers of the Association. The Mercantile Library Association held its fifty-

first annual meeting in the reading room at Clinton

Hall on Tuesday evening. The President, Mr. Arthur W. Sherman, occupied the chair. After the minutes int of money received for the use of he Library
Expenditures as follows:—
Freantile Library Association—
Books and periodicals Salaries.... Other expenses

Balance	1,100 24	44,678 31
Clinton Hall Association— Insurance Books Repairs Appropriation Contingent Fund Other Expenses Balance	6,103 88 5,395 99 5,000 00	23,421 02
Total Contingent Fund for a new building \$27.341 69. Books added during the year— By purchase. By gift.	now an	10,954
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Total		10,413
Besides these, there are Clinton Hall and honorary members, who are en use of the library	titled to	the
Total Circulation during the year— Standard English books. Works in foreign languages. Fiction	······	12,359
Total.		THE CHARLES THE

Average daily circulation, 8% volumes. Largest daily circulation, 1,772 volumes, January 20, 1872.

The PRESIDENT stated that the affairs of the

The President stated that the affairs of the library were in a very flourishing condition, and referred to the action taken in regard to opening the library upon Sundays. Although not nearly all the members of the association voted, a majority of 729 was declared in favor of the movement, and the directors had consequently decided to have the library open on the Sabbath, between the hours of one and nine o'clock P. M.

Mr. Henry Lloyd then offered a resolution thanking the directors for the prompt action they had taken in the above-mentioned matter. Mr. Wright submitted, as an amendment, that the word prompt be erased, as he contended that the directors had not acted with any degree of promptitude in the affair, but rather endeavored to defeat the wishes of the majority of members in regard to the Sunday opening. Mr. Allen fastly denied the truth of the previous speaker's assertions, and a lively debate ensued. It was finally moved that the resolution be laid on the table, and, a vote having been taken, this was done. The meeting then adjourned.

THE COURTS.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT-IN BANKRUPTCY.

Before Judge Blatchford. During the two weeks ending yesterday David McDonald, Neil McDonald, James P. Whitfield and William Vanderwulbeke filed voluntary petitions william vanderwulbeke lifed voluntary petitions in bankruptey; Julius Deitsch filed a voluntary petition for himself, and a petition to have Moseley Ezekiel adjudicated an involuntary bankrupt; the Leppeat Sliver Plate and Engraving Company, William S. Smith and Thomas H. Smith were adjudicated involuntary bankrupts, and Robert McGaffin and Edward C. Hoppin received discharges in bankrupey. bankrupcy.

SUPREME COURT-CHAMBERS. Writ of Habeas Corpus Issued in the Case of Dr. Gyles.

Before Judge Leonard. In re George R. Gyles .- The police of the Fifteenth precinct have been diligently at work for the past three days accumulating information against Dr. Gyles, On investigation it appears that the deceased lady, Mrs. Lowden, was of against Dr. Gyles, On investigation it appears that the deceased lady, Mrs. Lowden, was of a wealthy family, and was the mother of several grown up children, who lived at home with her in Thompson street. No breath of suspicion was ever raised against the unfortunate lady until within the past year, during which time it is averred she formed a secret licison with a prominent livery stable keeper up town. On the day of her death she was four months advanced in pregnancy. One of her sons has threatened to ferret out the villain and shoot him on sight. The alleged abortionist, Dr. Gyles, has secured the services of a well-known criminal lawyer, who yesterday applied to this Court for a writ of habeas corpus. Counsel pursued this course in order to expedite the inquest, and by this proceeding the matter will be removed into the Supreme Court, the writ having been granted. District Attorney Garvin claims, it is said, to have a clear case of murder in the first degree against Gyles, under section 2 of the fifth subdivision, chapter 1 of the third volume of the Revised Statutes, page 935, of "crimes punishable with death." It is said that the seducer will be jointly indicted as an accessory with the doctor. The writ was returnable yesterday. Coroner Young and Mr. Howe, counsel for the defendant, appeared yesterday morning before District Attorney Garvin, and it was decided that the inquest—Dr. Gyles being anxious to have the matter speedily investigated—should be entered upon at ten A. M. on Tuesday, at the Coroners' office. Dr. Gyles was remanded to the Fifteenth precinct station, and meantime the writ of habeas corpus is still pending.

Gordon's Alleged Contempt of Court.

Gordon's Alleged Contempt of Court. Before Judge Ingraham. Gould vs. Gordon.-Yesterday was returnable the order to show cause why Gordon should not be punished for contempt, in not obeying the previous order of Judge Ingraham to appear and be examined generally as a party to the suit before trial. Mr. Strahan, on behalf of Mr. Gordon, asked for an adjournment of the argument owing to the illness of ex-Judge Porter, one of his associate counsel. Mr. D. D. Field opposed the adjournment on the ground that two of Mr. Gordon's counsel were present, and that they were abundantly able to protect the interests of their client.

The second counsel for Mr. Gordon said he preferred to have Judge Porter conduct the argument, and suggested that the latter proposed to raise a very nice question whether the examination had not already fallen through.

After some further discussion, an adjournment took place fill to-morrow. order to show cause why Gordon should not be

SUPERIOR COURT-SPECIAL TERM. Decisions.

By Judge William E. Curtis.
Von Ochren vs. Von Ochren.—Affidavit of service of summons is not in conformity with the twenty-fifth rule.

Freund vs. Muhlifield.—Motion granted. See onlonion.

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May vs. Brewer.—Order to show cause for injunction adjourned by consent to 23d inst., at eleven A. M.

Meyer vs. Badinhof.—Order granted.

Hahin vs. Hick.—Adjourned to 20th, at ten A. M.
Corwin vs. Eighth National Bank.—Order granted. New York and Harlem Railroad Company vs.

New York and Harlem Railroi Henry et al.—Same. Waters vs. Austin.—Same. Leonard vs. Scully.—Same. Shelden vs. Scully.—Same. Brown vs. Finch.—Same. Barr vs. Franklin.—Same. Stuyvesant vs. Gurselin.—Same.

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS-GENERAL TERM.

Decisions. By Chief Justice Daly and Judges Robinson and Larremore. Pettinger vs. Blossom.—Order striking cause from

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Moncrief vs. Ross.—Judgment affirmed.
Boose vs. Smith.—Appeal dismissed.
Brewster vs. Equitable Life Insurance Company.—
Motion decided, with \$10 costs.
Van Ingen vs. Whitman et al.—Judgment affirmed as to all the defendants, except Whitman, and, as to him, reversed, with costs.
Carritit vs. Lachamore.—Judgment reversed.
Felt vs. Schonberg.—Judgment affirmed.
White vs. Weldon.—Judgment reversed.
Dalbey vs. Curry.—Order affirmed.
Boelfield vs. Knickerbocker Life Insurance Company.—Judgment affirmed.
Cropsy vs. Valomon.—Same.
Foster vs. Henry.—Same.

Yesterday a communication was received by Coro ner Young from the office of the Board of Health requesting him to investigate the circumstances attending the transfer of a body from Alabama to this State without proper authority, the casket containing the deceased having been conveyed by Adams Express Company to their office in this city. Proceeding to the depot, Mr. Young found a strong wooden box, on which was a card with the inscription, "The remains of S. K. Schermerhorn, engineer N. & Sa. R. R.; died here of gunshot wound, Selma, Alabama. H. Bachus, M. D." The destination of the body was Schenectady, and the friends were probably notified of its being forwarded to them. The outer case was opened and found to enclose a rosewood coffin, containing the body of deceased. A post-mortem examination made by Dr. Marsh showed that death was the result of peritonitis, following a gunshot wound on the right side of the abdomen. The body was in a good state of preservation, and appeared to have been embalmed. Mr. Young telegraphed to the authorities in Alabama, and requested that all proper information relative to the death of Schermerhorn be forwarded to him. this State without proper authority, the casket con,

The Mystery Explained.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD :-NEW YORK CITY, May 18, 1872. The body received at the office of Adams' Ex press Company, in this city, on Friday, I suppose to be that of the late Sol. K. Schermerhorn, who died at Calera, Ala., on Monday last, from the effects o a pistol shot received in a difficulty with John Lewis. The particulars of the unfortunate affair, as I learn them from the Selma (Ala.) Daily Times, are as follows:—

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A difficulty occurred at Calera, Sunday last, between John Lewis and Sol. Schermerhorn, engineers on the South and North Railroad, and a Mr. Bailey, a fireman, in which the two latter were severely, if not dangerously, wounded. I seems that Schermerhorn had forbade Lewis, in a previous difficulty, going upon his engine, and instructed his fireman, Bailey, to put him off should he ever attempt to do so in his Schermerhorn's Johnson the Johnson of Solaria, Lewis went upon Schermerhorn's locomotive, and being attacked by the fireman, he cut him severely on the throat. Going to the workshop he was approached by Schermerhorn, as report has it, in a menacing manner, when Lewis fired upon him, the bail taking effect in the abdomen and cauling a dangerous wound. Mr. Schermerhorn was formerly, a resident of this city, and is held in the highest estimation by all who knew him, and this unfortunate afair is regretted by all his friends.

The Times of a later date states that a despatch was received at Selma on the 16th inst. announcing the death of Mr. Schermerhorn was a native of New York, and it is reasonable to suppose that his remains were shipped from Calera or Selma with the intention of having them interred in the family burial ground at Schenectady, where his relatives reside. I had known Mr. Schermerhorn personally and intimately since 1859. He was an energetic, public-spritted and high-toned gentleman, and his untimely death will be deplored by many. I make this statement in order that the public may be informed as to the cause of his death, and that the matter may no longer be involved in mystery. Respectfully, M. J. WILLIAMS,

FIRE IN LEROY STREET.

At fifteen minutes past three o'clock yesterday morning fire was discovered in the three storbrick building 155 Leroy street, owned by J. W. Lewis, of 22 Washington street, and occupied as a bonded warehouse by Squire & Co. The fire originated on the third floor among some silk floss, causing a damage to stock of \$50,000 and \$500 to building. The amount of insurance is unknown.

THE WRONG PERSON.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD :-DEAR SIR-Mr. E. Giro was the object of some comment in the newspapers a short time ago, to the effect that he had entered my house, No. 250 Fifth avenue, and stolen some jewelry. As a matter of justice I take this occasion to say that such statements were utterly false. He was never accused by me or anybody else, to my knowledge, of any such act. He became involved in some trouble in Philadelphia in connection with some jewelry entrusted to his custody by the owner; and as it is evident that the whole affair was the result of a misunderstanding I freely take this occasion to publicly exonerate him of all intention of any dishonorable nature in the premises, C. OGDEN.

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MUSICAL AND DRAMATIC NOTES.

Miss Minnie Conway had a most successful benefit at the Brooklyn Theatre on Friday night, the young lady's numerous friends being resolved to extend

to her a generous encouragement.
On Monday evening Mr. Edwin Adams will ap. pear at Booth's Theatre in the character of Enoch Arden, in which he achieved so much success. The drama is founded on Tennyson's celebrated poem, and will be presented with effective settings.

Carlotta Patti will be the star of the autumn con cert season. She will come to America under the management of Max Strakoesh. The beautiful quality of this lady's voice is so well known that it is needless to dwell upon the treat her visit will afford the musical public.

Among the artists whom Mr. Daly has secured for his next season at the Fifth Avenue are Mr. and Mrs. Golden, from the Cleveland Academy of Music. If only haif what our Cleveland exchanges say be correct Mr. Daly has been fortunate in procuring two excellent artistes in their particular rôles.

Edwin Booth appeared for the last time this season as Richard the Third. This artist has added to his fame by the great versatility he has displayed in his rendering of numerous rôles very diversified in character. He has certainly carned the great consideration which the public has for him by the careful study which is visible in all that he attempts.

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Miss Emma Abbot was among the passengers leaving yesterday on the Ville de Paris. She goes to Europe to pursue her musical studies for the operatic stage and expects to be absent three years. Leading members of Rev. Dr. Chapin's clurch, to whose choir she has been attached for the past year, have contributed \$5,750 to pay the expenses of her musical education. Her friends predict that she will develop into a bright particular star in the musical firmament.

Driftings Abroad.

A new theatre is being erected at Newington Causeway, London.

Le Ménestrel states that Sir Michael Costa will receive the sum of £2,000 for his three menths' direction of the orchestra at Drury Lane Theatre. Mr. Andrew Halliday is reported to have made arrangements with Mr. Harrison Ainsworth for the dramatizing of most of the principal works of that

author.

Mr. and Mrs. Boucicault will play at the London Gaiety from the 6th of May to the 10th of August, and are to appear in the "Colleen Bawn," "Arrahna-Pogue" and "John Bull."

The London Opera Comique is to be opened in about a fortnight with a company for the performance of high class French opera comique. Signor Montelli is the manager.

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Prince de Sayn-Wittenstein has just come out on the stage at the Wallner Theatre, Berlin, as a tenor singer. He conceals his identity under the pseu-donyme of Arnold Walden.

ANOTHER GEORGE GORDON.

Genuine Branch of the Aberdeen Family.

We have received the following letter, dated St.

Louis, May 15, 1872:-TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD:-

A man calling himself James C. Fisher enlisted in the United States Army in December last. Soon after he was attacked with pulmonary consumption, which terminated his existence on the 13th inst. From paper in the possession of his wife and in formation given to a friend before his death it is

ascertained his right name was George Gordon Murray, of Scotland, who for some time past has been looked for. Any further information, which may be desired by parties interested may be had by addressing Dr. James J. Purcell, Post Surgeon, United States Arsenal, St. Louis, Mo.

Arsenal, St. Louis, Mo.

[From the St. Louis Republican, May 15.]

There died in the hospital at the Arsenal on Sunday, a soldier named James C. Fisher, about whose history there is somewhat of mystery. He was extremely reticent, but it is evident he had seen better days. He was a man of culture and connected with a family of birth and distinction in Scotiand. Of his recent history it is known that he served during a portion of the war for the Union and was honorably discharged.

He was married, while stationed at Fort Leavenworth, to a sprightly intelligent young girl, who was an inmate of the family of General Easton, of the United States Army. Atthe marriage ceremony he gave his name as Henry George Gordon Murray, with name is in the marriage ecrtificate in possession to his wife. He seldom alluded to his past history or to his parents or kinsfolk, even to his bosom companions, and a weight and a mystery seemed to enshroud his mind whenever the subject came up.

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After his discharge from the army he was employed in General Sheridan's office as clerk, until his habits of dissipation were such as to lead to his dismissal. He came to St. Louis in search of employment, and falling in securing a position, he remisted in the army in December last. His wife and child, the latter a handsome, promising girl, less than two years of age, resided at Belleville a short time, and she is now with Mrs. Gibson at the News Boys' Home. Upon the approach of his dissolution he was visited by his wife, who told him she was desirous of knowing whether her name was Murray or Fisher. He answered, "As certain as there is a God in heaven your name is Murray." Before his death he called Dr. Purcell, the surgeon at the Arsenal, to his bedside and Informed him that his name was not James C. Fisher, but George Gordon Murray, and that he was a member of the Aberdeen family, the head of which was supposed to have been drowned at sea several years ago. In another conversation he manifested anxiety that the interests of his child should be looked after. Shortly before his death he dictated a letter commencing, "Dear Mother," and directing that it be sent to the address of "Mrs. Agnes Fisher, Dunkeld House, Scotland." In the letter to his mother he writes that as she knows more about the property than he does it is his dying request that she gives it to his child Agnes and dear wife Ellen. Several letters directed to Fisher are in possession of his wife, but they contain matters of trifling importance and throw very little light on the subject of his Scottish connections. One written in February purports to be from his slister, and is signed "Agnes Fairgreve." It is dated from Duncrub Garden, Duncrub, Perth, Scotland. The letter mentions Nelle, Davie, Peter and several pet names of the family. The writer states that she but to underly and assembly and head

BROOKLYN COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS. The appointing powers ofor the Police Board and

Board of City Works put an end to the fears of the expectants yesterday afternoon by filling the places. The lucky candidates were as follows:-Police Commissioners-General James Jourdan, United States Assessor, and Sigismund Kaufmann. Members of the Water Board-Samuel McLean and Members of the Water Board—samuel McLean and Lorin Palmer, members of the Academy Reform Committee of Seventy-five. The disappointed applicants were Assemblymen Colonel Morton, ex-Police Captain O. B. Leich, Supervisor S. B. Dutcher, ex-Deputy United States Marshal Fred Cochieu, Deputy Comptroller ex-Alderman Wilting and one or two others. Mr. Kaufmann, who ran for Lieutenant Governor two years ago, is resident of the Eastern District, and is backed by the German element. He is also one of the signers of the call for the Liberal Greeley Republican Cincinnati Convention. General Jourdan, who formerly commanded the Fourteenth regiment, National Guard, is a strong Grant adherent, and it is believed by the federal representative men of Kings county that the remembrance of the claims of Mr. Kaufmann in this generous reminder will have the effect of reuniting the straggling ends of the Grant column for the federal campaign. The new members of the Board of City Works are merchants and men of the highest integrity, who have not heretofore either sought for or held any public office whatever.

Late in the atternoon the Police Commissioners were sworn in and filed their bonds. They then repaired to headquarters, the scene of their future labors, corner of Livingston and Court streets, where they met the democratic member of their Board, Commissioner Daniel D. Briggs. They shook their future colleague warmly by the hand, hoped their official connection would be a happy one, and, arranging for meeting on Monday morning next, took their departure. Lorin Palmer, members of the Academy Reform

ALLEGED MALPRACTICE.

An inquest was held yesterday by Coroner Schirmer in the case of Margaret Kutzelmann, of 146 Essex street, whose death was said to have been caused by an abortion performed upon her by a midwife named Catherine Simmonson. As there was no testimony whatever to show that criminal practices had been resorted to the accused was discharged from custody.

PROSPECT PARK.

A Fair Rival of the Central Park.

The Drives, Walks, Meadows, Lakes, Shelters and Attractions of the Place-Boulevards To Be Constructed.

BROOKLYN'S BEST LUNG.

Brooklyn prides herself upon the possession of a beautiful breathing spot, conveniently situated within her limits, upon high ground. So boastful is she of this late addition to her attractions that she begins to look down from Prospect Park, the great point of ventilation in question, upon mighty Gotham, and has even the audacity to boldly insinuate that this new park is a fair rival of the magnificent metropolitan Central Park. Though it is conceded, generously, that in point of artificial embellishment of surface and general appointment of detail in design the latter place of public recreation is far ahead of her sister city of pious fame; yet it is justly claimed that for natural advantages, such as elevated position, rolling ground, forest trees and extent of scenery, Prospect Park may carry off the palm with the unbiassed visitor. When it is considered that the work of laying out Brooklyn Park was not commenced until the month of June, 1866, the progress made is really surprising. The ground was purchased for the Park at an outlay of about four millions of dollars, and as much more has been expended up to this period. Two years hence, if one million dollars additional be appropriated for the purpose, the Commissioners are of the opinion that the work will be complete, thus making the total cost of the Park \$9,000,000.

WHAT HAS BEEN DONE.

It is a task of more than ordinary difficulty to realize in the course of a day's sojourn at the Park and contemplation the vast amount of labor already expended in bringing forth the now rapidly develop ing beauties of this attractive place, while much remains yet to be done. The area of ground embraced within its limits covers 510 acres, and is bounded by Flatbush and Ninth avenues, Coney Island road and Franklin avenue. The principal entrance, on Flatbush avenue, known as the Plaza, is paved with Belgian payement, is ornamented in the centre with a fine fountain, a statue of the late President Lincoln, and bordered by grassy mounds decorated with shrubbery. There are five lines of cars running to the Park from various parts of Brooklyn, and other routes are in contemplation. There is also an entrance on Ninth avenue from Third street which latter street is at present much patronized by visitors in vehicles because of the excellent condition of the pavement of that thoroughfare. The other entrances are the intersection of Fifteenth street and Ninth avenue, Coney Island road and Franklin avenue, and the "Willink," Flatbush avenue-making five entrances in all.

"The drives," extending over a distance of eight miles, are known respectively as the East and West drive. These are well laid macadamized roads, and the scenery through which they wind around the Park, with the never-failing breeze from the ocean, is truly delightful, and promotive of health and and animal spirits. Hence it is that vehicles, freighted with health seekers and pleasurists, are ever observable while the sun shines travelling to and fro. Besides the drives there is already finished three and a half miles of bridle roads. The pathways and rambles for pedestrians are lined with trees, and are amply supplied with drinking fountains, shelters, arbors and urinals. The long meadow, environed by "westwood" and "midwood" is finished, and the fifty acres which it embraces form an emerald gem of real beauty to the eye, and now that the long grass

is being mowed and exposed to the strengthening fiery shafts of "old Sol," gives forth a most refreshing odor of "new-mown hay," far surpassing the choicest extracts of the Parislan perfumer in his futile efforts to convey that fragrant scent. The arches of solid masonry, which show the pedestrians? path near the main entrance, and over which rumbles the vehicles on "the drives," afford cool and pleasant resting places in the hottest days of summer.

There are at present 1,000 laborers and mechanics employed at Prospect Park. The maintenance fund allowed this year is only \$75,000, which is in-adequate to the requirements of the Park at this stage of the enterprise. The Engineerin-Chief of the work is John G. Cuyler, who is assisted by an able corps of engineers, viz.:—Thomas Stratford, John B. Ducklee and Thomas P. Kinsley. The men are engaged in finishing the westerly side of the lake, which covers an area of sixty-one acres—fifty-four of which were allotted for skating last whiter. They are also working on the walks, the great slopes of Lookout Hill, the Music Plaza and "Cleftridge Span," in Nethermead Circuit. This span, which is built of Breton Colgenet stone, a new composition stone of very ormate mould, is twenty feet wide and seventy feet long, and cost \$19,000, being constructed by contract.

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The sample of the carth, which is sunk seventy feet to a depth with the tide water level of the river, has a sandy, springly bottom, the supply from which is inexhaustible. It is fifty feet in diameter at the bottom and forty feet at the top and 150 feet in circumference. It is regarded as a scientific piece of work, the mode of its construction being somewhat peculiar owing to the depth an

milk, bread, butter, be had at city rates.

The Park Commission invites the attention of invalids, weakly persons, convalescents and mothers of young children to the elevated ground east of the long meadow, near the dairy cottage, and known as Cottage Hill.

It is within ten minutes' walk of the Flatbush, Ninth avenue and Coney Island cars: is high, dry and airy; at the greatest distance of any point in the Park from all disturbing and contaminating conditions, and, being surrounded by woods, the air is less harsh than in other elevated situations.

There is a large space of turf near by, on which children are allowed to play, and as no carriage road passes near, and the bridleway in the rear of the Cottage is fenced off, young children are not hable to stray into danger from horses and carriages.

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A number of sheltered seats will be found on the Balcon walk, leading out of the Estdale, near the Cottage; small tables are attached to most of them, and they are convenient for sewing, reading, studying and the care of children.

There is a dressing room, with a woman in attendance, at the Cottage, where fresh water, clean towels and other conveniences can be used free of charge. Wholesome milk, cold or warm, tea and other simple refreshments can also be obtained at moderate fixed charges.

All doctors agree that for convalescents and "Si-

cate persons moderate exercise, with intervals of agreeable rest in the open air, is usually the best medicine, and that the most importat means of securing health and vigor for young hildren is to keep them often, for several hours at time, out of doors in a pure atmosphere.

There will be Saturday evening coverts given in the woods near Shelter Concourse dring the summer, commencing June 1. Last yar the music given here attracted many thousads of persons, and the concerts were considered great success for Brooklyn. Of course the interes thus excited will increase, and the institution gro in favor with the people each year. The regular esign provides for the erection of a pavilion on a stall island in a curve of the Lake. The terraces siping towards the latter will be provided with ornae shelters, beneath which the crowds can six and drink of the sweet sounds wafted over the waterito the ear. A very ornamental building, furnished gr refreshments and provided with dressing rooms, has just been finished on the mainland in herear of the music pavillon, and will be opened bya purveyor on the 1st proximo.

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OF Park ways, extending from the Parklo the city line, is in course of construction. These approaches will be unrivalled for beauty when finished, as they will afford upwards of tweive miles of the finest road surface, shaded by trees. A hundred side streets open into these boulevards, leading from all directions. The principal of these thoroighfares is Sackett street, or, as it is termed on the map of design, Parkway, will extend to the amaca road, or city line, distant four miles from the Park. This route will have a breadth of 210 feet, aid will have three roadsteads and four pedestrian concrete paths, sheltered by six rows of trees. Degraw and Union streets, to be widened to thity-fwe feet, running parallel upon either side of this boulevard, and now under contract to be paved with Belgian pavement, and planted with rees, are designated as stable streeu. The next boulevard is President street, which is to have a width of 100 feet, and will exteen to New York avenue. The Commissioners also intend constructing a grand boulevard to the ocean, 210 fest wide, running 1,500 feet westerly of the Coney Hand road to the ocean, a distance of six miles. This work will be completed as far as Church lane thiyear, should the plans of the Commission be carfed out, and curb, gutter and trees will be set that distance. Franklin avenue, which divides the Prande Ground from the Park, has been opened to fort Hamilton by a special commission, thus adding an additional and agreeable drive to the sea. The Coney Island road has been widened to 100 feet its entire length. A bill has been befor the Legislature to extend the assessment district for the construction of Oceanway, the original district being deemed too amited to do justice to the persons assessed for the improvement. Take the new and rapidly defeloping Park of Brooklyn as a whole, and one cannot fall to be impressed with the convict

NEW YORK CITY.

The police last week arrested 1367 persons

Charles Peckard, aged twenty-two years, was killed yesterday by the fall of a spar on board the sloop Lucy Adams.

There were fifty-five fires in this city during the

week, the estimated loss of which was \$82,025, and upon which there was an insurance of \$111,900. Marshal Hart granted 486 liceises last week? amount received, \$4,126. Mr. Cardozo received 141

complaints of violations of Corporation ordinances; all referred. The body of an unknown man, in sailor's garb, was picked up in the East River at pier 24 yester-

day, and removed to the Morgue to await identification. At a meeting of the Board of Police yesterday afternoon resolutions were adopted inviting proposals for the cleaning of the streets, and officers were appointed to attend to the duty in that connection.

There were in this city last week 645 deaths, 194 marriages, 384 births and 30 still births. The above shows a decrease in the deaths of 119 and in the still births of 24, and a decrease in the marriages of 1 and in the births of 11, as compared with last

On Monday evening next Mrs. E. Vanderpool will

lecture in Steinway Hall upon the topic, "How Shall an Educated Woman Live in New York?" Mrs. Vanderpool is fully competent to speak upon the subject, as she has had sejeral years' experi-ence in the matter, and will talk upon a basis of facts and not from theory. William Evans, thirty-one years of age, by occupation a longshoreman, while at work at Green-

point a few days ago, was struck on the head by a heavy log of timber and so severely injured that his death took place at Bellevue Hospital yesterday. The body was removed to his late residence, \$1 Pike street, by permission of Coroner Herrman. James Donahue, Superintendent of the Free Labor Bureau, Nos. 8 and 10 Clinton place, makes the following report of business for the week ending

May 18:—Applications for employment, 1,307; of these there were 208 males and 1,099 females; male help required, 166; female, 137; situations pro-cured for 148 males and 1,032 females; whole num-ber of situations procured for the week, 1,180. In the Court of Special Sessions yesterday morning were arraigned Addison Rollins and Henry Malloy, charged with selling an obscene paper

known as Town Tulk, and purporting to be published in Chicago. Mr. Ned Price appeared as counsel for the defence, and, by dexterously showing that there was no evidence whatever against his clients, had them both acquitted. The American Geographical Society will hold their regular monthly meeting on Taesday evening, at Second avenue and Eleventh street. Professor Hartt, of Cornell University, the distinguished South American explorer who visited Brazil for scientific purposes on several occasions, will give an account of the Lower Amazonas, illustrated with stereopticon views.

Thomas Smith, a carpenter, fifty-three years of age, and William P. Vain, both occupants of the tenement house No. 92 Horatio street, quarrelled on Thursday night, Smith receiving a black eye. After being assaulted Smith, who had a chisel in his hand, plunged it in the left side of Vain, inflicting a slight wound. Smith was arrested by Officer Doran, of the Ninth precinct, and yesterday locked up by Justice Ledwith, at Jefferson Market, in default of \$500 bail, to appear for trial.

The twenty-ninth annual session of the American Institute of Homocopathy will be held on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of next week. An Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of next week. An Important session is anticipated. President and Mrs. Grant have tendered the delegates a grand reception, to take place on Wednesday, and Governor and Mrs. Cooke one on Thursday. Among the delegates from this city are Dr. C. Dunham, of the Homœopathic College; Dr. E. M. Kellogg, Dr. W. T. Helmuth, of the Surgical Haspital; Dr. J. W. Dowling, Dr. F. Seeger, of the Hahnemann Hospital, and many other of our foremost homœopathic physicians.

tions thus far received by the treasurer (Dr. Hans Powell) of the committee appointed to endeavor to raise sufficient funds for the purpose of erecting monuments both to the memory of Major General
George H. Thomas, that good and Christian soldier,
and also to the 4,000 brave Union soldiers and
sailors who sleep in this the metropolis of the country at Cypress Hills Cemetery without as much as a,
mark to show that they died in their country's
cause during its hours of peril and danger:—
President U. S. Grant, \$100; General C. A.
Arthur (Custom House), \$309; Colonel B. T. Morgan
(Post Office), \$121; General A. E. Burnside, \$25;
General Franz Sigel, \$100; Senator Henry Wilson,
\$10; General N. M. Curtis, \$10; General Henry E.
E. Davies, \$60; O. E. Detmold, \$25; C. T. Reynolds,
\$20; Boswell Miller, \$20; Samuel Minnis, \$60; J. C.
J. Laughlin, \$21; Colonel E. A. Perry, \$51; Major
John H. Brady, \$32; Captain H. W. Hughes, \$5; G.
L. Campbell, \$5; Colonel Robert Steene, \$6; J. W.
Tyler, \$5; Major B. F. Finley, \$2; General F. M.
Clark, \$2; E. M. Brenninghausen, \$15; Captain
William McEntee, \$9; J. White, \$4; Martin Goss,
\$8 30; Colonel B. Willis, \$5; J. Myer, \$1. Subscriptions received at door on evening of the grand
soldiers' meeting, on the 3d inst., at Cooper Institute, \$108 50. monuments both to the memory of Major General

A SUSPICIOUS CASE.

Yesterday afternoon the body of an unknown mas was found in the East River, at the foot of Oliver street, with a gash in the throat, supposed to have been inflicted with a knife. It was conveyed to the Fourth precinct station house, in Oak street, and some time after Mr. G. Bauer, a real estate agent at No. 58 Bowery, visited the staagent at No. 58 Bowery, visited the station house, and identified the body as that of Edward Oberlander, a former partner of his, who had been out of business for more than a year past. Within that time he had frequently lent him money, and now holds a protested note of his for \$200. Inquiries instituted by the police resulted in the finding of a night watchman, who stated that at an early hour yesterday morning he had heard two men talk in a loud and angry tone at the foot of Oliver street, and that after their disappearance he had found a pool of blood near where they were standing. He thinks he recognizes the deceased as one of the men he had thus seen together. No arrests have been made, but the matter has been submitted to Corpner Herrman for investigation.